



Constitution of the Reading Association
of Liberal Ladies for Benevolent & useful
Purposes, formed May 1th 1840

Art 1st This Society shall be called
The Reading Association of Liberal Ladies
for Benevolent & Useful Purposes.

Art 2nd The Officers of this Society shall be
president Vice president Secretary and
Treasurer to be chosen annually.

Art 3rd The duties of the president shall be
to preside at all meetings, to preserve order
at all times, to try the vote on all motions
regularly made & seconded; & when at
any meeting the members shall be unable
to designate a place for the next meeting
the president shall provide a place & give
suitable notice thereof.

Art 4th The Secretary shall keep a true
account of all the Business transactions
of the Society.

Art 5th The Treasurer shall receive and by
order of the Society pay out all Money
belonging to the Society keeping a record
of the same.

Art 6th When either of the Officers is absent
an officer may be chosen: no term

Art 7th Vacations may be filled at any time

Art 8th The business and funds, to be at all
times at the control of the Society, to be
acted upon in open meeting or by a
committee chosen for that purpose.

Art 9th Any Lady of good Moral Character
may become a member by paying the sum
of 12 cts into the hands of the Treasurer
leave having been granted by a vote of
the Society

Art 10th Honorary members may be recieved
in the same manner as other members,
by paying the sum of 12 cts into the hands
of the Treasurer.

Art 11th The Money belonging to the Society
shall be disposed of in accordance with
the desires of a majority of the members.

Art 12th This Constitution may be altered or
amended at any regular Meeting of the
Society a majority of the members
voting therefor.

Art 13 Donations to the Society from any source shall be disposed of as the donors direct.

Officers for the year 1840

Mrs Rachael Parker, President
Mrs Sophia Pratt. Vice President
Mrs Abeline A. Elunton. Secretary

Directors.

Mrs Abigail Beers.
Mrs Eliza Baker.
Mrs Sabrina Baldwin.
Mrs Lavina Tomon.
Miss Cornelia Ruggles.

Resolves.

To meet one a fortnight at the residence of the members in alphabetical order, meet at two retire at five o'clock, every member to pay the sum of 6 cts as long as they continue their names on the book.

Names of the Ladies Composing the Society for 1840 and the amount of money paid in.	
Mrs Rachael Parker 25	100, 6, 2 Jan 26 25
Mrs S Pratt 25	55, xxx Jan 26 6
A J Flinton 25	48 xxxxxx one year
Mrs M Bowden	67 12 1/2 Jan 26 6
Mrs Mary W Parker	54 x x Jan 26
Mrs A Beers	61 25 Jan 26
Mrs Lavina Vaughan 25	67 12 Jan 26
Mrs Harriett Robinson	48 x x x Jan 26 withdrawn
Mrs E Aspinwall 25	87 one year
Mrs Harriet Parker	49 07 1/2
Mrs E Baker	55 x x 25 Jan 26
Mrs S Baldwin 25	74, x x x one year
Mrs Almira Ruggles 25	54 x x 56 Jan 26
Mrs Caroline Ruggles	61 x 12 1/2 Jan 26
Mrs Martha Carter	72, 5 Withdrawn
Mrs Lelia Richardson 25	67, 18 Jan 26
Mrs Lelia Low	67, 12 Jan 26 12 1/2
Mrs Lavina Damon	67, Jan 26
Mrs E Parker 25	67, 66 6 Jan 26
Mrs Betsey Mellen	30, 36, Withdrawn
Mrs S A Robinson	12, 30 Withdrawn
Mrs Nichols	24,
Mrs Joan Nichols 25	37 50
Mrs Velina Gleason	12 x x 58 gained Dec
Mrs Eunice Strickland 25	77 one year,

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Miss Sarah Eaton 20	20 xx Withdrawn 12
Miss H Emerson	56 50
Miss Lavina Foster	12 Withdrawn
Miss Dorinda Perry	30 Withdrawn
Miss A Prescott 25	55 25
Miss E Prescott 25	55 25
Miss Cornelia Ruggles 25	48 xxx, Jan 26
Miss Caroline Ruggles 25	48 xxx, 6 Jan 26
Miss Fidelity Flint,	54, 30
Miss Susan A Flint	54, 30
Miss Elizabeth Parker 25	61, x 6 66
Miss Maria Pratt	30. 25
Miss Sarah Pratt	30 25
Miss Fanny Nichols 25	24 50
Miss Higail Beers	37, Withdrawn
Miss Christania Beers,	30, withdrawn
Miss Philomelia Beers,	30, withdrawn
Miss Sarah Strickland	12 x x 26 gained Deer
Mrs D, Brown 25	12 12 6 gained Jan 13
Miss M. Parker	12
Mrs. Edgar 25	15 25
Mrs. Strickland	25

Money Paid out in 1840

Paul Rev Georg Strickland for Books

May 18

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July 20

6 82

Nov 4 Balance Due

17

118 11-68

Paid for Society 1840

May 14 1 Book

17

Cambric

49

Sept for Cambric

43

Nov, for one Cord of wood 6-00

January, 25, 1841. for Linen 1-67

Cotton & Tape

26

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11, 68

20, 70

Money received for work 1850

May 25	Making 1/2 Gallons	32	A
	one Posom	16	
July 10	2 Pair Shirts	66	
August 1	Do	32	
Dec 27	for 1 Pair do	50	
Dec 29	1 do	25	
January 18	for 2 Pair do	100	
Feb 24	one pr Shirts	50	
		116 2 22	
		116 3 72	

June 10 th	boured 9 pr of shoes 7 cts	63
" 24 th	" 12 " " " 7 "	84
July 8 th	" 17 " " " 7 "	119
" 22 ^d	" 14 " " " 7 "	98
Aug 5 th	" 21 " " " 6 "	126
" "	" 3 " " " 12 "	36
" 26 th	" 10 " " " 7 "	70
Sept 9 th	" 13 " " " 7 "	91
" 23 ^d	" 3 " " " 10 "	30
Oct 7 th	" 9 " " " 10 "	90
" 28 th	" 12 " " " 7 "	84
Nov 5 th	" 12 " " " 7 "	84
" 18 th	" 3 " " " 7 "	21
" "	" 4 " " " 10 "	40
Dec 2 ^d	" 10 " " " 10 "	100
" 14	" 6 " " " 8 "	48
" 4	" 3 " " " 10 "	30

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Money received by C. Ruggles

Feb 23 th	C. Ruggles paid	31 ¹ / ₂
March 11 th	Mrs. Huntington	4, 79
" "	Mrs. Parker	75
March 25 th	Miss P. H. Pratt	75
" "	Mrs. Baldwin	37 ¹ / ₂
April 15 th	Mrs. Ruggles	50
May 25 th	Mrs. Pratt	19
" "	Mr. Prentiss	1 00
June 10 th	Mrs. Ruggles	50
June 24 th	Mrs. Parker	35
" "	Mrs. Badger	38
July 22 ^d	Miss Flint	75
Aug 5 th	Mrs. Richardson	37 ¹ / ₂
26 th	Miss Flint	75
Nov 18 th	Mrs. Badger	1, 00
Dec	Mrs. Ruggles	169
Jan	Mrs. Pratt	392
Feb 10 th	Mrs. Pratt	7, 00
Feb 16 th	Mrs. Ruggles	83
March 10 th	Mrs. Parker	72
" "	Mrs. Richardson	19
" "	Mr. Wainwright	66
April 14	Mrs. Badger	25
April	Mr. Prentiss	50

Mrs. D. Pratt

Money paid by C. Ruggles
 Jan. 28th for silk , 46
 " " knitting pins , 5
 " " cotton , 15
 Feb. 11th materials for caps 1, 06
 March 25th " " " , 75
 " " worsted 40
 April 15th cord 1
 April 29th Mrs. Pratt 5, 00
 May 13th Cambric , 40
 June 10th Needles , 25
 May Mr. Simms 5 0 0
 Aug Mrs. Pratt 3 0 0
 July 8th materials for bags 6 5
 " " Cambric 1 2, 5
 " 2d Mr. Baldwin 4, 0 0
 Feb 10th Mrs. Parker 3 0 0

July 14 th	Mrs. E. Parker	40
"	Mrs. Ruggles	6
"	Miss R. Goldthwaite	12
"	Miss E. Prescott	50
" 22 nd	Mrs. D. Pratt	3.37
Aug. 4 th	Mrs. J. Baldwin	43
"	Mrs. E. Parker	77
"	Mrs. W. Badger	50
Sept 8 th	Mrs. E. Parker	85
"	Mrs. B. Nichols	25
Sept. 13	Mrs. J. Baker	75
" 27	Mrs. J. Richardson	25
29	Mrs. E. Parker	50
"	Mrs. J. Dunlap	25
"	Miss M. Payne	25
Oct 28 th	Mrs. E. Parker	50
Dec 1 st	Mrs. Ruggles	56
"	Mrs. E. Parker	25
Dec 22	Mrs. Badger	25
Jan. 19 th	Mrs. J. Baker	25
"	Mrs. S. J. Ruggles	6
21 st	Mrs. J. Baker	25
Dec 22 nd	Mrs. S. Parker	21.00
Feb. 16 th	Mrs. Badger	14
March 16 th	Mr. W. Badger	12 1/2
April 13 th	Mrs. S. J. Ruggles	6

Officers of the

Reading Association of
Liberal Ladies, for benevolent
and useful purposes for the
year 1848

Mrs. G. F. Strickland	President
Mrs. L. Pratt	Vice President
Miss C. Fuggles	Secretary

Mrs. N. Vaughn	Directors
Miss E. Prescott	
Mrs. J. Gleason	

Members of the

Reading Association of
liberal ladies for benevolent
and useful purposes for the
year 1841

Mrs. E. Aspinwall 25 44
Mrs. O. S. Adams 25

Mrs. Maylap 25 25

Mrs. W. Badger 25 25 66

Mrs. J. Baldwin 25 25 6

Mrs. D. Brown 25

Mrs. J. Baker 25 25

Mrs. F. Flint 25

Mrs. H. Emerson 25

Mrs. S. A. Flint 25

Mrs. J. Gleason 25

Mrs. H. Hunter 25

Mrs. J. Low 25

Mrs. Goodwin 50

Mrs. E. Nichols 25 25

Mrs. F. Nichols 25 25 6 52

Mrs. B. Nichols

Mrs. L. Pratt 25 25 12 1/2

Mrs. E. Parker 25 25 6 50 25

Mrs. F. Parker	25 63 12
Mrs. C. Parker	25 6 12 6
Miss C. Prescott	25
Miss A. Prescott	25
Miss E. A. Parker	25 6
Miss F. M. Pratt	25 6 6 25
Miss S. Pratt	25
Miss M. Payne	

Mrs. H. J. Buggles	25 6
Mrs. T. Richardson	25 12 12
Miss C. Buggles	25 36
Miss C. Buggles	25 6 6
Miss R. Richardson	25

Mrs. Strickland	25
Mrs. G. G. Strickland	25 6 12 12 12

Mrs. N. Vaughan	25
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Members of the Reading As-
sociation of liberal ladies for
useful and benevolent purposes
for 1842-3

Mrs. J. Dunlap

Mrs. W. Badger 20

Mrs. J. Baldwin 21

Mrs. J. Baker

Miss S. A. Hunt

Mrs. B. Nichols

Miss F. Nichols 185

Mrs. B. Nichols

Mrs. E. Parker 25 63

Mrs. S. Parker

Mrs. C. Parker 8

Miss E. A. Parker

Mrs. D. Pratt

Miss E. Prescott 28

Miss A. Prescott 28

Miss M. Payne

Mrs. J. Richardson 67 25

Mrs. S. J. Ruggles 18

Miss C. Ruggles 102.6

Miss C. C. Ruggles 6

Mrs. J. Low 21

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May 23 th	paid Mr. Richardson	8, 00
		25
Aug. 4 th	Mrs. Duggles	4
Sept 29 th	Miss Temple	0.
Oct 27 th	Mrs. Baldwin	5.
Jan 2 th	Mr. Reuben Nichols	36.

May 12 th	Cash on hand	2,91
" "	Received	5,82
June 9 th	"	176
" 12 th	"	31
July 14 th	"	112
" "	"	60
" "	"	50
" 22 ^d	"	337
" "	"	2,50
Aug 4 th	"	43
" "	"	77
" "	"	50
Sept. 8 th	"	1,40
" 16 th	"	75
" 27 th	"	25
" 29 th	"	1,00
Oct. 27 th	"	50
Dec 1 st	"	84
" 22 ^d	"	21,25
Jan 19 th	"	31
" 21 st	"	25
Apr 13 th	"	06
Aug 4 th	"	25
Feb 16 th	"	14
March 16 th	"	12
Aug 3 ^d	Mrs. Hart	50

May 12th Voted \$10 for the Sun-
day School Library

Aug 4th Voted \$40 for yarn
Voted

Oct 27 To appoint Mrs Bulfinch
a committee to repay Mrs.
D. Pratt, 50

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